

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 237 - SB 1366

March 15, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires a court to include written findings of fact and conclusions of law to support a custody arrangement and parenting plan, unless both parents have agreed to the arrangement and plan. Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS), to consider and evaluate a child's other natural or adoptive parent before considering any other relative, when placing a child who has been removed from one parent's home.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005210): Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is specifying the child's other natural or adoptive parent is not eligible for the kinship foster care program or any payments for kinship foster care under the program.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Requiring DCS to consider a child's other natural or adoptive parent before any other relatives will not have a significant effect on the case or work load of DCS; therefore, any fiscal impact to DCS is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Office of the Administration of the Courts, any fiscal impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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